

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

MAR 28 2001

Michael N. Milby, Clerk of Court

IN RE:

VENTURI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Tax I.D. No. 87-0580279

Debtor.

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CASE NO. 01-31443-H4-11

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTOR TO RETAIN
MICHELLE TURPIN AS SPECIAL COUNSEL**

Came on for consideration the Nunc Pro Tunc Application for Approval of Retention of Michelle Turpin ("Turpin") as Special Counsel (the "Application"), and the Court, having considered the Application finds that the retention of Turpin as special counsel to the Debtor to be in the best interest of the estate; it is therefore

ORDERED that the Application is GRANTED; it is further

ORDERED that Turpin be retained nunc pro tunc as of February 12, 2001 (the "Petition Date") as special counsel for Debtor to render professional legal services and for consultation with Debtor's counsel as to the following:

- a. Help get Venturi into current compliance with the various state and federal taxing authorities, including the Internal Revenue Service, the State of Utah, the State of California and the State of Texas.
- b. Negotiate with the State of Utah under the Offer-in-Compromise program to reduce the amount of tax claimed owed by the State.
- c. Negotiate with the State of California to abate penalties asserted by the State against Venturi for sales and employment taxes.
- d. Negotiate with the State of Texas and appeal a sales tax assessment against Venturi in excess of \$250,000.

it is further

ORDERED that Turpin will be compensated, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330, for out-of-pocket expenses as actually incurred plus fees at \$175 per hour, subject to normal course of business increases, in performing services for the Debtor and subject to any ^{Subsequent request that} pre-petition invoices being ^{was} paid as part of any compromise settlement Turpin negotiates with the taxing authorities; it is further

ORDERED that any compensation awarded to Turpin will all be subject to approval by the Court.

SIGNED this 28th day of March, 2001.


UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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